

STURT, NORTH, PORT, AND GLENELG WIN FOOTBALL MATCHES

ALL-IN GAME AT THEBARTON

Red-and-Whites Finish Too Strongly for Torrens

McKENZIE AND BRIDGMAN GREAT IN RUCK

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Leading at the end of each of the first three terms at Thebarton today, Torrens were unable to withstand a determined last-quarter rush by North, and were defeated by 10 points. Torrens were again handicapped by injuries to players in the closing stages of the contest.

The game, played in a good spirit, was interesting throughout, the outstanding feature being the free use of weight. Both sides displayed all the vigor they had at their command, but the Torrens ruck excelled—until the final term. In this section McKenzie and Bridgman starred, and the latter player was the best man on the ground. Torrens erred in working these two players too much in the first three terms.

It was Farmer's improved form after half-time that swung the game to North. The crack goalgetter finished the day with seven to his credit, five of them coming in the second half.

Waite, the Torrens centre forward, found conditions difficult when the wind was strong, but when the wind abated after half-time he did better. His form, however, was not up to the standard of his game against Norwood two weeks ago.

NORTH 2-1 5-8 9-13 14-16
TORRENS 6-4 7-5 11-6 14-6

Goalkeepers.—North—Farmer (7), Hamilton (3), Taylor (2), McIntosh, and Munn. Torrens—Bridgman (4), Waite, and McKenzie (each 3), Harris (2), Phillips, and Russell.

Best Players.—North—Taylor, Hamilton, Farmer, Burton, McDowall, Drew, Willshire. Torrens—Bridgman, McKenzie, Russell, Head, Connor, Froggy, Shepherd.

GLENELG WIN

Norwood Downed by Nine Points

Keenly fought throughout, and with neither team at any stage with a commanding lead, the match between Glenelg and Norwood at Adelaide Oval kept the spectators in a high pitch of excitement. Glenelg won by nine points.

Norwood were slightly superior in the air, but the seashiders evened this up by being a little faster to the ball. It was by making better use of opportunities in front of goal that Glenelg finally won.

At one stage in the last quarter the seashiders looked as though they would throw the game away by handling their opponents, but they staged a dashing finish.

Promise of a keen game attracted a fair crowd. Both teams took the field as published. In the absence through injury of Handby, Hill led Glenelg and Sallis was appointed vice-captain. Umpire L. C. Thomas had charge of the game. It was his first league match.

Hill won the toss and took advantage of the breeze, which favored the northern goal. Hack secured at the bounce, but his kick was marked by Mutton, who turned the attack. Rosewarne sent Glenelg forward again. Owens picked up in a scrimmage, but a heavy kick went out of bounds. The seashiders were not to be denied, and Hack booted a goal from a free.

Glenelg again started dangerously. Siggins drove them out, and Wadham and P. McCallum initiated a move which culminated in a goal from Plumstead. Wadham and W. McCallum again took the ball to the goalmouth, but Palmer wasted the opportunity.

Page broke a Glenelg offensive and began a counter attack. Miller marked and cleared, but Norwood came again, and Palmer goal.

Marking well from Thompson, Ron Edwards had a shot from close in. The ball kept low, and Ackland cleared. Owens marked in a bunch, and a long shot yielded full points. P. McCallum and Ross combined to give Hill a chance. His shot went across the goalmouth, and Miller cleared. Again Hill secured within easy distance, but a single was the only result.

First Quarter
GLENELG 3-1
NORWOOD 2-3

Through the agency of Wadham and Palmer McDougall got possession close in and goal. Hack and Rosewarne then gave Owens a chance, and he also made no mistake. A long shot by P. McCallum brought up one flag. Hale drove Norwood out, but Wadham ran in and goal with a long shot.

Fine marks by Hill and Hack gave the seashiders a chance to score. From a scrimmage Rosewarne booted a single, which was followed in quick succession by others from Owens, Wiese, Owens, and Wundersitz.

Securing cleverly Hill forwarded to Owens, who this time made no mistake. P. McCallum placed Wadham in possession, and a long shot called up one flag. The seashiders quickly returned to the attack, and a determined thrust brought a goal from Owens.

Plumstead mulled a golden opportunity when the Glenelg backmen were out of position. His shot went out of bounds. Wadham made amends by goaling after an easy mark.

A quick mark by Glenelg culminated in a goal from Wundersitz. Taking a difficult mark from Plumstead Woodrooffe added a point from a long shot. When Glenelg seemed certain to succeed Ackland and Ross turned them back. Woodrooffe added another single and then achieved first success, a long shot calling up both flags. A point from Palmer and a goal from P. McCallum quickly followed.

FOOTBALL FORM

Torrens Improving

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES

Football form disclosed today shows Sturt, North, and Port still outstanding, with Torrens doing better than the other teams.

Glenelg's win at the expense of Norwood was no real surprise, as the red-legs, crippled by injuries, have not a first-class side at present.

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FINAL FOOTBALL SCORES

NORTH	14-16
TORRENS	14-6
STURT	14-13
SOUTH	9-10
GLENELG	15-15
NORWOOD	14-12
PORT	18-12
WEST	9-9

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts.	Prom.
Port	4	4	—	456	276	8	
Sturt	4	4	—	387	273	8	
North	4	3	1	420	306	6	
Norwood	4	2	2	389	457	4	
Torrens	4	1	3	352	377	2	
South	4	1	3	313	346	2	
Glenelg	4	1	3	315	339	2	
West	4	—	4	248	454	—	

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer (North)	25
Dayman (Port)	23
Waite (Torrens)	19
Palmer (Norwood)	18
Owens (Glenelg)	16
Gardiner (South)	14
A. Smith (Sturt)	13
Thompson (Glenelg)	10

TODAY'S ATTENDANCES

Thebarton	6,799
Adelaide	5,914
Unley	4,431
Alberton	4,070
Total	21,214

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS

PAGE defended soundly for Norwood, and probably gave the Glenelg attack more trouble than any of his teammates. He marks well, and disposes of the ball with judgment.

HILL played an excellent game at centre wing for Glenelg. In spite of his lack of inches he can hold his own with most opponents in the air, and always disposes of the ball with a well-directed kick.

GLENELG half-back line, comprising Sallis, Hale, and Oliver, was responsible for a capital display against Norwood. Sallis is rapidly reaching his best form, and it was the most effective performance of Hale for the seashiders.

OLIVER, who is in his first season of league football, promises to be among the outstanding newcomers in the game this season.

OPENING at half-forward, Hannam was called on to fill many roles for West against Port today. He roved and played at centre wing. In spite of the many changes, however, he played a solid game, and was one of the most prominent men on the ground.

JOHNSON was one of the most effective players for Norwood. He was particularly conspicuous when roving. He always disposed of the ball to the best effect, and in addition to kicking two well-merited goals, was responsible for assisting in the securing of others.

OWENS, Glenelg crack goalmeek, had a successful day against Norwood, booting seven goals and six behinds from thirteen shots. Most of the singles were secured from snapshots when he had little chance of gauging the direction of the shot.

NO man on the ground was better than Sexton for the greater portion of the match between Port and West. The West centreman was at the top of his form, and dominated the play. He covered a great amount of territory, but tired toward the end of the game. Matthews (half-back) and Simons (ruck) were two solid performers.

SPEED—SYSTEM

Sturt Too Good for South

Sturt were faster and more systematic than South, who were defeated at Unley by 33 points.

The losers showed their best form in the second quarter, when they threatened to extend their opponents. They failed in the third term. The superb defence of the double-blues was most pronounced, and kept the South attackers from scoring more than one point.

The game was played in a good spirit, despite the hard bumping.

STURT 6-5 10-7 13-12 14-13
SOUTH 2-2 7-5 7-6 9-10

Best Players.—Sturt—Simon, Bateman King, Martin, Payne, Wadham, Treleaves and Leak. South—Tully, Masters, Ramsay, Rose, Hall, Ryan and Hewitt.

Goalkickers.—Sturt—Morton, (4) Johnston, Payne (each 3), Martin and Munn (each 2). South—Hewitt (4), Gardiner, Hall (each 2), and Hebbard.

PORT STEADY

West Fade After First Half

West gave Port an anxious time until early in the third quarter at the Alberton Oval. Then the muggies took command and won easily by 57 points.

One of the outstanding features of the match was the dominating influence of Sexton and Solomon at centre and centre wing respectively for West. Experience told on the younger side, however, and in the last half the more steady play of Port, who settled down to a systematic display, won the day.

PORT 2-3 7-5 12-9 18-12
WEST 4-3 5-5 8-6 9-9

Goalkickers.—Port—Dayman (6), Waye (4), E. Hender (3), Beer and N. Terrell (each 2), and V. Johnson. West—McGrath (2), Hannam, Molan, Golding, Simons, Hill, Oliver, and Connell.

Best Players.—Port—Johnson, Ween, Alingham, Thompson, E. Hender, H. Terrell, Beer. West—Soloman, Connell, Bransom, Matthews, Sexton, Hannam, Hamilton, Simons.

Second Quarter
NORWOOD 7-8
GLENELG 7-7

Norwood were first to attack, but Sallis drove them out. Glenelg carried the ball to the other end, where Griffiths notched a single. Play hovered round midfield for a time, and then Link shot from a bunch and goal from a fair distance out.

Griffiths had another try, and once more one flag was raised. Owens did better and goal with a long drop-kick. A few moments later he marked close in from Griffiths. The sun appeared to trouble him and the shot added a point.

Norwood made a dash down the grandstand wing, and the effort ended in a goal from Palmer. The easterners returned to the attack, and a faulty kick by a Glenelg defender put P. McCallum in possession. He ran in and booted full points.

The seashiders were handling their opponents, and a series of frees enabled Norwood to maintain the pressure. When Woodrooffe was given a free within distance matters appeared serious for Glenelg, but the shot went out of bounds. Johnson marked and ended the suspense by goaling.

On the bounce Glenelg advanced and a single came. Norwood retaliated with a similar effort, and Johnson secured smartly and forwarded to Palmer. A goal resulted.

Scrimmages were becoming more frequent as the game progressed. Oliver gave Ron Edwards a chance, and both flags were raised. Link and Owens created a dangerous situation, which was relieved by a brilliant effort on the part of Ackland.

Owens put on another single, and then a goal. The latter was the result of clever work by Hill.

Third Quarter
GLENELG 11-14
NORWOOD 11-9

Hill started a forward move and Owens had a long shot from a free. It was marked on the line by Sawley. The seashiders continued to press the advantage and Thompson called up both flags. Once more they dashed forward and their thirteenth goal came when Link kicked the ball off the ground in a scrimmage. Plunkett put Norwood temporarily in charge and P. McCallum booted a single off the ground.

Owens outwitted Ackland and took a brilliant mark, followed by an easy goal. Norwood dashed goalward, and Palmer snapped the maximum. Page was prominent in defence and at the other end Ellis rendered service for Glenelg. A long kick from the centre of the field by Wadham was marked by Woodrooffe, and he made no mistake.

The match was ending in a ding-dong finish and the crowd was worked up to a high pitch of excitement. Norwood were indulging in too much handball.

Sallis had one leg of his knickers torn off and at the same time was penalised for holding the ball. From the resultant free Johnson kicked a goal, leaving the easterners four points behind. Page and Woodrooffe were under notice for dashing play. Plumstead called up one flag.

Another point was booted off the ground from a wild scrimmage in front of the Norwood goal, leaving them still two points in arrears. Players of both teams were tiring. At last Glenelg broke away. After several wild scrimmages Wundersitz was given a free, but only a point came. The same player marked from the kick-off, however, and passed to Owens. This time both flags were called up.

Ross (Norwood centreman) had left the field. The seashiders were attacking as the bell rang.

Final
GLENELG 15-15
NORWOOD 14-12

Goalkickers.—Glenelg—Owens (7), Thompson (3), Link (2), Wundersitz, Ron Edwards, Hack, Norwood—Palmer (4), Woodrooffe (3), Johnson, Wadham, P. McCallum (2), McDougall.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Hill, Sallis, Owens, Oliver, Shakes, Hack, Wiese. Norwood—Page, Johnson, Sorrell, Siggins, Woodrooffe, Wadham, P. McCallum.

The match of interest next Saturday will be between North and Port at Prospect. Port have shown great form at Alberton in their recent games, but North should defeat them in this game.

Sturt will journey to the Showground, and should account for West. At Adelaide, however, South and Norwood should stage an even game, with South the possible winners.

Torrens are due to meet Glenelg at Glenelg. This game should also be even, recent form indicating Torrens as the victors.